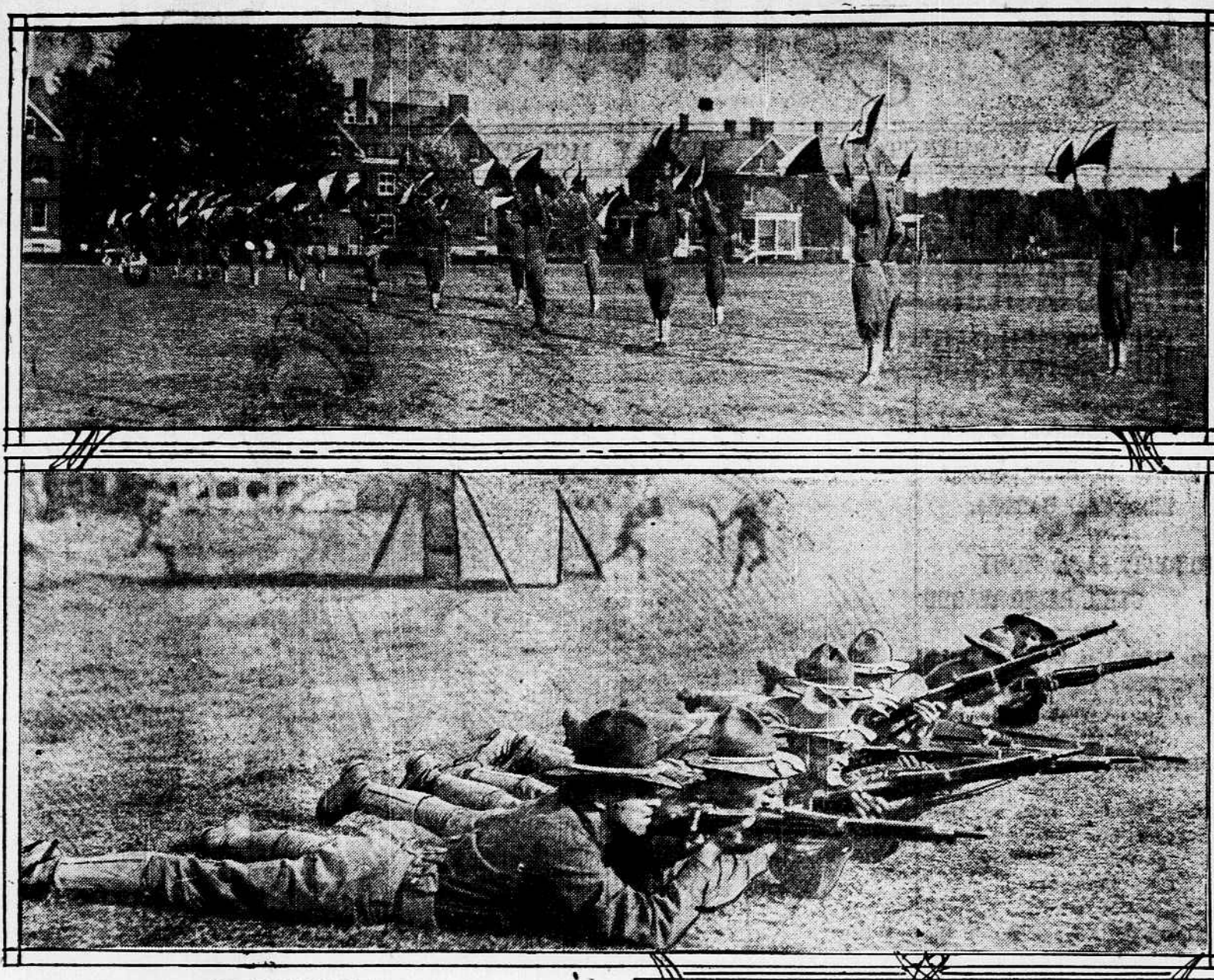


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MARYLAND GUARDSMEN TO ENABLE GUARDSMEN ON THE BORDER TO VOTE

Storm on Mexican Border Described By R. A. W. Pyles of Surrattsville.

How boys from the vicinity of Washington who are with the Maryland militia in Camp Ordway, at Eagle Pass, Tex., suffered in a recent heavy windstorm is told in a letter received from R. A. W. Pyles of Surrattsville, Md., a member of Company F, 1st Maryland Infantry. His letter in part was as follows:

"I am tired and worn out. My head throbs and my hands smart from blisters received last night. About 11 p.m. a cyclone swept Eagle Pass. I was attempting to tie a guy rope to prevent the center pole from falling off the tripod of our tent when a gust of wind and rain struck us and it was so violent that before I realized it I was flat on my stomach in the mud. My face there, too. My hands are all blisters."

Drives Pegs During Storm. "Throughout the rain I was in my underclothes driving pegs for guy ropes that had broken or pulled up in the soft earth. All night the tent swayed and tottered on the center pole. Everything inside our tent is soaked. The regimental officers' tents are down with the exception of Col. Little's. Only twenty tents left standing in the 4th."

The men who deserve the most sympathy are those of the 5th Regiment. They are ankle deep in water and mud, everything swept away. Only four out of ten frame kitchens are left standing.

"The storm raged until 1 p.m. today without abating the slightest. If ever you saw a homesick bunch of soldiers you would see them today—wet, cold and huddled, as the government has just paid us for the twelve days in June."

"From rumors here, we won't leave before the emergency convenes at the 15th."

"I really am enjoying the experience and even see the humorous side of last night's gale."

Fifty-Five on Duty Among Soldiers on Request of Surgeon General of Army.

The American Red Cross has sent fifty-five nurses to the southwestern states for service on the Mexican border, according to figures received from headquarters. These nurses are sent in response to a request from the surgeon general of the United States Army, who asked for 100 of them, and Miss Jane A. Delano, chairman of the national committee on Red Cross nursing service, immediately sent the fifty-five as an advance detachment. Additional groups of nurses, are awaiting orders to be sent.

A number of the fifty-five nurses sent have seen service in their line of work before. Miss Nell Floss Steel of Columbus, Ohio, was a member of one of the United States hospital units in Serbia, and Miss Antoinette Aisler of Dallas, Tex., has worked among the Mexican refugees that have come into this country.

Where Nurses Have Served. Miss Margaret McGary of Washington has seen a great deal of service in Russia during the war. Misses Lulu T. Lloyd and Nannie Hardy, also of Washington, were with the United States forces during their occupation of Vera Cruz in 1914. Miss Harriet P. Clark, another resident of this city, and Miss Margaret K. Patterson of Birmingham, Ala., have had experience in European Red Cross hospitals during the present war.

Each Unit Sends Two. By special authorization of the surgeon general each of the twenty-five Red Cross base hospital units, organized by Col. Jefferson R. Keen, director general of military relief, has been requested to send two of its Red Cross nurses for service on the border. It is expected that the nurses will be sent in groups of two, one from each of these hospital units will be in event of serious trouble.

WILCOX PLAYGROUND FORMALLY DEDICATED

Bumping Place on Columbia Road Near 18th Street Northwest Thrown Open to Kiddies.

The Wilcox playground, named after Gen. Timothy E. Wilcox, U. S. A., retired, the donor, was dedicated yesterday afternoon at exercises held at the grounds on Columbia road near 18th street northwest. Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, superintendent of playgrounds, was in charge, assisted by Miss Ella Gardner and Miss Katharine Kall.

Little Miss Clara Stratton, daughter of Surgeon R. J. Stratton, U. S. N., opened the dedication exercises. Ring games followed, then races for the boys and folk dancing by girls from the Mount Pleasant playgrounds.

Marion Vanover, Virginia Sherman and May Baker were the little girls who won prizes for their dolls in the doll show. Those who took part in the ring games included the girls of Martha Sears, Viola Nielson, Elson Nielson, Alice Nielson, Ethel Norwood, Louise Benton, Ida Wineberg, Ruth Bode, Evelyn Alvey, Dorothy Findley, Katherine Winslow, and the girls of the koolwyk, Violet Alvey, Elizabeth Comer, Elinor Woodward, Mildred Woodward and the girls of the 1st.

Miss Kall will be director of the new playground and F. B. Orchard will be custodian.

WILL DISCUSS CAMPAIGN. Democratic Congressional Fight Will Be Considered Tomorrow.

Plans for the democratic congressional campaign will be discussed tomorrow at the Congress Hall Hotel, when democratic representatives will meet with Vance McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee. A letter has been sent by Mr. McCormick to all democratic members of the House, urging a large attendance. A canvass of the general situation will be made, and plans will be discussed for the best methods to adopt to retain the present democratic majority in the House.

Connecticut Governor Asks Legislature to Make Provision Before Fall Election.

The question of how national guardsmen on the Mexican border will be enabled to vote in the coming elections, if they are still absent from home in November, may be settled for Connecticut by the legislature of that state which will meet in special session September 12. Gov. Holcomb has issued a call for a special session, explaining that he believes legislation is needed to allow the men, now beyond the state's borders, to exercise the right of casting the ballot.

It is recalled that during the civil war men in the army voted, the ballots being handled by company and regimental officers, and sent home, sealed, to the secretary of state.

A copy of Gov. Holcomb's call for the special session of the Connecticut legislature has been received here by Representative Hill of that state.

Extract From Governor's Call. In part, it reads as follows:

"A large number of the electors of this state who were members of our National Guard have been called into the military service of the United States and are now beyond the borders of our state. I have been unable to ascertain how long this compulsory absence will continue, or that they will be permitted to return to this state in time to exercise their right of vote at the next November election for presidential electors congressmen and other officials. That they should have such right should be permitted to exercise it is too obvious for discussion, and I am convinced and decide that the need of securing such legislation as may be necessary to enable them to thus exercise their rights as electors constitutes a public emergency of such importance as to require the convening of the general assembly.

of the general assembly direct that both houses of the general assembly convene at the capitol, in the city of Hartford, on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to consider and act upon said matter, and to enact such legislation as may seem to them proper in the premises."

Will Ask Court to Probe Morrison's Donations

Report That Recluse Millionaire Is Member of the "Mazzadnan Sun Cult."

CHICAGO, August 26.—When the federal court inquiry into the mystery surrounding the reported disappearance of much of the wealth of Edward W. Morrison, recluse millionaire, is resumed Tuesday, the court will be asked to investigate a report that among beneficiaries of Morrison's wealth was the "Mazzadnan Sun Cult."

Attorneys for the Central Trust Company, temporary receiver for Morrison's affairs, said tonight they believed Morrison was a member of the cult, whose head, "Ottoman Zor Aushan Hani," was sent to prison. The cult, the attorneys said, was like other organizations and individuals in finding the aged man free with his money.

Morrison, although more than eighty years old, was reported to have a wealth totaling about \$6,000,000, held by relatives, in addition to his own fortune. He is reported to have left his relatives' wealth in event their death precedes his.

PLANS FOR CONFERENCE ON CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Church Leaders From Various Sections of the Country to Meet Here September 17.

Prominent Roman Catholic leaders from various parts of the country are expected to attend the fourth biennial meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, which is to be held at the Catholic University from Sunday, September 17, to Wednesday, September 20.

The conference will open with a solemn high mass at the Franciscan monastery at 10 a.m. September 17, when the sermon will be delivered by Bishop J. Henry Thien of Lincoln, Neb.

Following this service the first business session of the conference will be held at the monastery at 11:30 o'clock, when the address of welcome will be made by Bishop Shahan, rector of the university.

By adoption of the order of business an adjournment will be taken and all subsequent meetings of the conference will be held in the afternoon. The first adjournment will be at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, when addresses will be delivered by Edward J. McDermott, former bishop of St. Louis and Mgr. C. F. Thomas of Baltimore.

MICHAEL HAYES DIES

Veteran Employee of Weather Bureau Victim of Indigestion.

Michael Hayes, veteran employee of the weather bureau, died Thursday night from an attack of acute indigestion. He was fifty-two years old. Funeral services will be held at St. Aloysius Church at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Mr. Hayes was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1864, and at the age of sixteen years was given a position in the weather bureau here. After holding the position for twenty years he was transferred to the Signal Corps, but in 1888 was transferred back to the weather bureau.

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Pay Ruling Favors Militiamen.

In response to questions submitted by the Secretary of War, the controller of the Treasury has decided that recruits who enlisted in the organized militia of the District of Columbia subsequent to June 18, 1916, are entitled to pay for the time between the date of their enlistment and the date they were mustered into the service of the United States. The War Department raised the question whether their pay should begin at the time of muster in.

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